



Distraction

Crash Magnets DVD Programme 1 Follow Up.



Put a tick beside the quotes that you agree with.



“Crossing roads at the right times comes from the green cross code, special little hedgehogs you get on the TV these days are great.”

“Obviously there are distractions around. You can’t always be aware of the traffic but you do as best as you can.”

“Quite careful. My Mum’s always brought me up to be careful. Stop, look and listen.”

“I know that sometimes I do step out without looking because I just think that cars should stop because I would stop. Then sometimes I just step out and I go: ‘I shouldn’t have done that’, I don’t think I’m a very good pedestrian.”

“I am not very good. I don’t use traffic lights and just run across the road I don’t care if motors are coming or not.”

“I’m a good pedestrian. Yeah, a very good pedestrian. I always look. I don’t want to get run over and I don’t just run across roads and I only use traffic lights.”

“When you’re walking around you see a car and you think, I’ll run in front of that one. Then sometimes you do put the driver at risk.”

“I think I’m a bad pedestrian because I don’t wait for traffic lights or anything. I wait until I see a gap and just sprint and make sure I get across the road and then wait in the middle and go again.”



How would you describe yourself as a pedestrian?

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? Which of the following quotes is typical in your opinion?



"I listen to music quite a lot and don't really hear the traffic and so I am more likely to get run over I suppose."

"Mobile phones distract me and people. Looking at people. Looking to see what clothes they are wearing and stuff."

"If I'm on the phone it's only in one ear if you know what I mean. So I can hear anyway. Cars screeching."

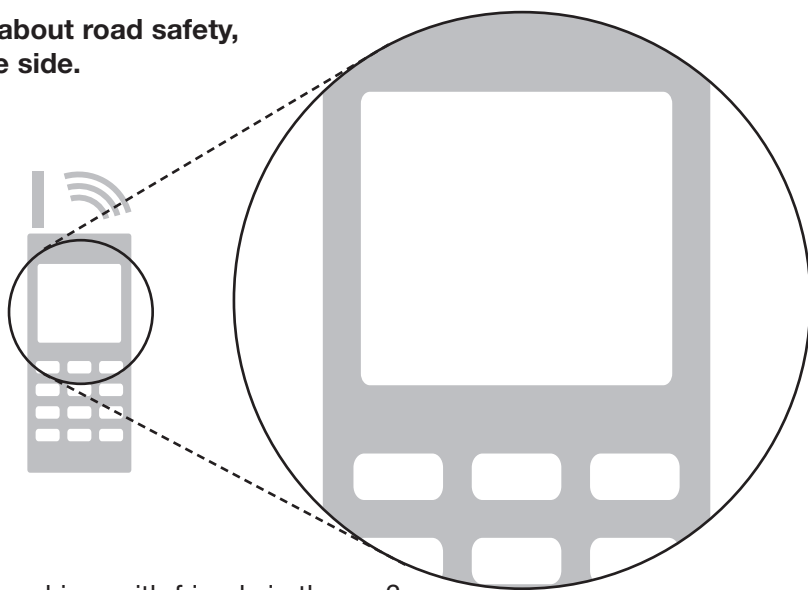
"If you're on the phone, or other people are on the phone, or if somebody's having a fight on the other side of the road, you are kind of watching that to see what is happening, instead of concentrating on what you are supposed to be doing and trying not to get killed."



? What other things distract us on the road?

? If mobile phones had a text message warning about road safety, what would it say? Fill in the text screen, at the side.

e.g. LOOK B 4 U X



? 1. What kind of thing can be distracting for a young driver with friends in the car?

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? 2. What can affect the mood of passengers on the last bus or late-night taxi?

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? 3. What kind of passenger behaviour would you find alarming on a bus, boat or plane?

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? 4. If you saw a package sitting unattended on a train, what would you do?

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